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Just wanted to share a small subset of what has been done so far by external groups on this issue. This does not include all of the radio interviews, quotes in articles from these stakeholders, and social media campaigns that are robust and extensive. This is also a small subset of what we believe has been done already as we are capturing as best as we can as we see them or they are sent to us.

In addition, efforts from external stakeholders is far from over. More will be done in coming weeks. Cc'ing the team as they spent a lot of time on the phone talking with stakeholders all around the country.

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National Cattlemen's Beef Association, [Press Release](#)

Cattlemen Respond to National Monument Reductions: "Egregious Example of Federal Overreach Corrected in Win for Rural Communities"

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Public Lands Council applauded the White House's plan to reduce the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments. The decision – which follows an extensive review of monument designations by the Department of Interior – is a clear win for rural communities who have suffered the consequences of egregious federal overreach.

Daily Caller, [News Article](#)

Trump's Plan To Overhaul National Monuments Law Is All About 'Righting Past Overreach'

When President Donald Trump speaks in Utah on Monday, he will not only be resizing two controversial national monuments, his administration will also be making major changes to how federal lands are managed. Trump will sign orders to shrink the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments as recommended by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. However, that's only the first step in the administration's plan for the Antiquities Act. In the coming months, the Department of the Interior (DOI) will begin a larger conversation about how the Antiquities Act of 1906 is implemented once the president designates a national monument, The Daily Caller News Foundation has learned.

National Cattlemen's Association, [Quote](#)

Trump shrinks two huge national monuments in Utah, drawing praise and protests

Even before Trump made the announcement as part of a day trip to the state, National Cattlemen's Beef Association President Craig Uden was hailing the resized designations. While grazing has continued on both monuments, as well as on others, Uden said ranchers could not have greater input into how the areas are managed. "We are grateful that today's action will allow ranchers to resume their role as responsible stewards of the land and drivers

of rural economies,” he said. Republicans at the president’s rally applauded him and his deputies for heeding their concerns. “President Trump listened to us,” Utah House Speaker Gregory Hughes (R) said. “We are not a flyover state.”

Competitive Enterprise Institute, [Press Release/Statement](#)

CEI’s Myron Ebell Comments on Trump’s Proclamations Downsizing two Utah National Monuments

"CEI applauds President Trump's proclamations today that significantly reduce the size of Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears National Monuments in Utah. This is great news for the people of rural Utah who have been locked out of using and enjoying millions of acres of federal lands. And it is a great first step in redressing the multiple abuses of the Antiquities Act of 1906 by Presidents Obama, George W. Bush, and Clinton. Now that President Trump has redressed some of the wrongs done to the people of rural Utah, we hope he will next rescind or reduce similarly outrageous National Monument designations in Maine, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, and California.

Americans For Tax Reform, [Press Release/Statement](#)

Grover Norquist Statement on Utah National Monuments Orders

"President Trump and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke should be applauded for working to correct past executive overreach by Presidents Obama and Clinton. This is a fight about the use and enjoyment of public lands by the public. The reality is that American outdoorsmen and women have a vested interest in conservation. Compare them to the federal government, which is a frequent abuser of America's natural beauty, whether it's polluting the San Juan River in Colorado or extorting the organizers of Burning Man for unnecessary fees in the desert of Nevada. The Trump and Zinke effort to rein in the abuse of the Antiquities Act is extremely important in the fight against radical special interests and bureaucrats. From Presidents Kennedy to Coolidge, Wilson, and Eisenhower, Presidents have scaled back federal monuments 18 times in the past. This is a great first step in the march towards restoring property and land use rights of the West."

FreedomWorks, [Press Release/Statement](#)

FreedomWorks Foundation Applauds Trump’s Shrinking Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalanta

“Today we applaud President Trump, Interior Secretary Zinke, and their teams for arriving at a reasonable approach to these national monuments. We agree that priceless historic and natural wonders should be protected for future generations to enjoy. However, we find it despicable that the previous administration preyed on this nonpartisan sentiment in order to achieve political objectives that included expanding the power of the federal government over the states and obstructing industries they didn’t like. Unilaterally declaring national monuments larger than some states is ridiculous on its face. We know our activists in Utah and across the country appreciate the Trump administration’s more humble approach to the power of his pen and phone.”

Independence Institute, [Blog](#)

Bears Ears: When local residents successfully fight feds, we all win

President Trump and Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke have righted a wrong, marking a

victory for local voices and fair and just government. After months of meeting and conferring with local residents, tribal leaders, and elected officials, the Trump administration reduced the size of the 1.35 million acre Bears Ears National Monument by 85 percent.

Governor Gary Herbert, [Op-Ed](#)

Gary Herbert: 5 myths about Bears Ears

The extraordinarily vast and beautiful area of southeastern Utah known to many as the Bears Ears region deserves protection for the benefit of all Americans for generations to come and for the special benefit of those Native Americans with rich ancestral ties to this land. In order to conserve these geologically, culturally and archaeologically rich lands, federal, state, tribal and local officials need to convene and craft legislation for a diverse array of special protections and responsible recreational uses. President Donald Trump's announcement Monday reopens the door for exactly the kind of sustainable management that the Bears Ears region needs.

Sutherland Institute, [Press Release](#)

Sutherland Institute applauds reduction of two monuments, calls for reform of Antiquities Act

Sutherland Institute praises President Trump's bold move to reduce the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears National Monuments. The administration should be commended for listening to the voices of San Juan, Kane and Garfield county locals whose lives and livelihoods are connected to the public land they love. When a president of either political party, with the stroke of a pen, can set aside hundreds of thousands – if not millions – of acres, local voices are drowned out by big, and well-funded, outside interests.

Sutherland Institute, [Op-ed](#)

There is No I In Utah

I am sure President Donald Trump didn't realize it, but today, in his shrinking of the two designations made by President Barack Obama and President Bill Clinton, he actually created a more important monument — a monument to the way Utah gets things done. The president listened to the combined voices of individual citizens, tribal members, small communities and elected officials from the county, state and federal levels. He responded to their calls and drastically reduced the size of both the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments. It's an important moment in Utah history. Utah — more than any other state in the nation — epitomizes the motto which sat on President Ronald Reagan's desk in the Oval Office. It read, "There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go as long as he doesn't mind who gets the credit." That is why the Utah model works. As a people, we don't care who gets credit as long as we get the right result. There is no "I" in Utah.

Sutherland Institute, [Video](#)

Trump Reduces Size of Utah Monuments

Sutherland Institute, [Quote](#)

Trump Orders Largest National Monument Reduction In U.S. History

Utah's Republican congressional delegation, along with county commissions and conservative groups, pressed the administration to open up these federal lands once more for private use. "President Trump's decision to reduce these monuments allows us to still protect those areas that need protection, while at the same time keeping the area open and accessible to locals who depend on this land for their daily lives," said Matt Anderson of the Utah-based Sutherland Institute. Anderson says large, public-land national monuments hurt rural counties. These areas already have large amounts of federal public land, he says, where cattle grazing, mining and other types of private enterprise are heavily regulated.

Congressional Western Caucus, [Press Release](#)

Trump Sends Land Sovereignty Back to Utah

Today, Congressional Western Caucus Chairman Paul A. Gosar D.D.S. (AZ-04), House Natural Resources Committee Chairman **Rob Bishop (UT-01)**, Chief Defense and Interior Officer **Chris Stewart (UT-02)**, Western Caucus Members **Raúl Labrador (ID-01)**, **Andy Biggs (AZ-05)**, **Doug Lamborn (CO-05)** and **Tom Emmer (MN-06)**, and Congressman **John Curtis (UT-03)** issued statements following President Trump's announcement of modifications to the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante Monuments.

Americans For Prosperity, [Press Release](#)

AFP Praises Trump Administration Move to Reduce Federal Land Grab

Americans for Prosperity today commended President Trump and Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's announcement that the federal land seizures at Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments will be reduced. Under Presidents Obama and Clinton, millions of acres at these monuments were seized from the state of Utah under the Antiquities Act.

American Farm Bureau Federation, [Press Release/Statement](#)

AFBF Hails Bears Ears, Escalante Reforms

"Today's reduction in the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments marks a return of common sense to environmental stewardship. The 1906 Antiquities Act was clear in its purpose, even if the government has not always been. It was designed to stop theft and destruction of archaeological sites and other federal lands of historic or scientific interest. The act requires the president to reserve 'the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.' Unfortunately, that law has been abused to quarantine millions of acres of already-scarce grazing land, harming farmers, ranchers and struggling small towns across the West.

Heritage Foundation, [Op-ed](#)

In Big Win for Utah, Trump Scales Back Federal Land Grab From Obama Administration

President Donald Trump took a big step on Monday to begin correcting abuses of the Antiquities Act. The president acted on his April 26 executive order to review national monument designations under the law since 1996, making his announcement in Utah, which has been the subject of sweeping national monument designations through the Antiquities Act. The president announced reductions to two national monuments in southern Utah to make these designations consistent with the law.

Heritage Foundation, [Press Release/Statement](#)

Heritage Expert on Trump Order to Shrink the Bears Ears National Monument

“Antiquities designations have stripped economic opportunities away from communities. Whether the issue is logging, recreation, conservation, or energy development, these decisions should be made at the local level, not from Washington. President Trump’s decision today is the direct result of Interior Secretary Zinke taking the time to listen to states, private citizens, tribes and local interests. For more than a century, the president has had the power to unilaterally designate land as a national monument, without input from Congress or impacted states. Although the law states that the president must limit the designation to the ‘smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected’ - President Obama’s Bears Ears designation was 1.35 million acres. For far too long antiquities designations have exceeded their statutory limitations and Trump is right to shrink this abuse of power. Now it’s time for Congress to step up and reform the law.”

National Rifle Association, [Press Release](#)

NRA Applauds Trump Administration for Restoring Access to Utah Public Lands

"The NRA applauds President Trump and Secretary Zinke's decision to restore access to public lands in Utah. Under the Trump Administration, decisions regarding national public lands are transparent and being made with the input of America's sportsmen and women. Hunters and sportsmen serve as the backbone of modern natural resource management in the United States. It's refreshing that the Trump Administration values their input," said Chris W. Cox, NRA-ILA executive director. "Our nation's remarkable resource management successes over the last century have only been possible because of traditional uses, such as hunting and recreational shooting. President Trump and Secretary Zinke have ushered in a new era for hunters and sportsmen ensuring that they remain an important partner in preserving and utilizing America's public lands."

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, [Op-ed](#)

The facts about multiple land use in Utah

Yes, we hunters are proud of our conservation results for land and wildlife. It's world-renowned. We support carefully managed hunting and fishing. We pay to stop poaching. National monuments turn into national parks, and national parks mean no hunting or no active herd management. Those who have the biggest mouths have done the least. Those who have done the most support multiple use conservation. These are the facts of conservation of land and wildlife in Utah.

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